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BERKELEY MANUSCRIPTS.

In the Berkeley family of Virginia has been handed down to the present day a number of important MSS. relating to their early connections in Virginia. Francis L. Berkeley, son of Major Wm. N. Berkeley, now of Albemarle county, and formerly of Loudoun county, has been kind enough to transcribe for the editor some of the more interesting of these papers in his father's possession, and they are given below. John Berkeley was sent by the London company of England to establish iron works at the Falling Creek, which empties into the James River not far below Richmond. But in 1622 the works were broken up by the Indians, who killed Berkeley and all his employees, except a boy and girl, who managed to hide in the bushes. (See Proceedings of the Virginia Company of London, *Virginia Historical Collections*, Vol. I., pp. 9, 50, 60, 61, 62, 63, 122, 123, 168, 170, and Vol. II., pp. 148, 252.) John Berkeley was son of Sir John Berkeley, of the Castle and Manor of Beverston, in the county of Gloucester, England, an eminent branch of the noble family of the Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle. (See John Smyth, of Nibley's *Lives of the Berkeleys*, Lords of the Honor, Castle, and Manor of Berkeley, to which family, also, belonged Sir William Berkeley, Governor of Virginia from 1642 to 1676, and Norborne Berkeley, Lord Botetourt, Governor from 1769 to 1770.) John Berkeley had issue by Mary, daughter of John Snell, Esq., Maurice, John, Henry, William, Edward, Thomas, Mary, Frances, Elizabeth, and Anne. Of these Maurice Berkeley came to Virginia with his father, but happily escaped the massacre. He married Barbara, daughter of Sir Walter Longe, and had issue, "*Edward* and others." This *Edward* is believed to have been father of Edmund Berkeley, whose name appears in the records of Middlesex, as late as 1674. I found in that year recorded a deed of John Mann, of "Gloucester county, in Virginia," and Mary, his wife, "relict and administratrix of Edmund Berkeley, deceased," to Thomas Todd and William Westerman for a mill in Middlesex county.

From Edmund Berkeley the descent of the Virginia Berkeleys is fully supported by the family Bibles, the lately published register of Middlesex county, the register of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester, and the recorded wills in Middlesex county. Edmund Berkeley, son of Edmund Berkeley and Mary, who married, secondly, John Mann, married in 1703, Lucy, daughter of Major Lewis Burwell, of the Virginia Council and Abigail Smith, his wife, niece of President Nathaniel Bacon, of Virginia, a scion of the illustrious house of the Bacons of England. This Edmund Berkeley was in 1713 made a member of the Virginia Council. Before 1712 he lived in Gloucester, but shortly after that date he removed to Middlesex, an adjoining county, where in 1718

he died at his place, "Barn Elms." He had issue: 1, Edmund, married on November 26, 1728, Mary, a daughter of Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown; 2, Lewis, who died shortly after reaching manhood; 3, Mary; 4, Sarah, born February 9, 1713, who married November, 1736, Ralph Wormeley, of Rosegill. The family has been honorably distinguished in Virginia down to the present day. As further proof of the identity of the Virginia family with the Berkeleys of Beverston, Gloucestershire, Edmund Berkeley, of Barn Elms, seals his will with a wax seal bearing the arms of Berkeley (a chevron between ten crosses pattée), and a crest (a unicorn's head) which is believed to have been used by the Beverston branch, and which Burke assigns to Lord John Berkeley, of *Stratton*, brother of Sir William Berkeley, Governor Virginia. The county of Gloucester (organized in 1651) was probably named by Sir William Berkeley, then governor, in honor of the ancient seat of the Berkeley family in England.

These MSS., now published in full for the first time, show that Mary Mann, had another daughter, Sarah Berkeley, who with her husband, Joseph Ring, made a deed in 1688. They further show that this Sarah Ring married, secondly, Joseph Walker, Esq., of York county, whose daughter Mary, married Charles Carter, of *Cleve*. For an account of the Berkeley family and its branches, see Richmond *Critic*. It may be added that the elegant volumes on the Berkeley family, prepared by John Smyth, of Nibley, show that Captain Thomas Neuce, who had charge of the company's lands at Elizabeth City, in Virginia, married Anne Seymour, daughter of Sir Thomas Seymour, who was descended from the Berkeleys. It is a far guess, but it may be true that Nicholas Smith, vestryman of Petsworth Parish, Gloucester county, in 1697, was some relation of John Smyth, of Nibley. (See QUARTERLY, Vol. V., p. 41.) In 1618 John Smyth, in partnership with Sir William Throckmorton, Sir George Yardley, Richard Berkeley, and George Thorpe, determined to found a "new Berkeley" in Virginia. It was some five miles from City Point, and it was afterward a seat of the Harrisons, and President William Henry Harrison was born there.—[EDITOR.]

COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN MANN.[1]

(From the Original in the Possession of Major William N. Berkeley.)

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John Mann, of Gloucester County in Virginia [illegible; probably "Gentleman"], being sick and Weake of Body, but of so[und] and perfect memory and understanding, doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme foll:

Imp^{s}: I give my soule into ye handd of Almighty God that [gave] it, hopeing to see a joyfull resurrection at ye last day, and for such worldley goods as it hath pleased God to bestowe upon me I give in manner and forme foll:

[1] See inscription on tombstone of John Mann, QUARTERLY, III., p. 34. He died January 7, 1694, aged sixty-three years.

Item: After my debts payd and funeral charges I give and Bequeath unto my Cozen Mary Hampton five hundred pounds to be payd by my execut^{rs}: hereafter named upon ye day of marrage, and to have maintenance in every respect fr[om my] estate as formerly. 2dly: Item: I give unto my sonn-in-law[1] Edmond Barkley fifty pounds sterling to be payd six months after my decease. Item: I give unto my Goddaughter Anne Booker twenty pounds sterling to be payd on ye day of marriage. Item: As to ye rest of my estate both reall and personall I give and bequeathe unto my loving wife Mary Mann on[e] third part. Item: I give unto my loving daughter Mary Page the rest of my estate both reall and personall to her and ye Heirs of her Body forever: And for want of Heirs, Item: I give unto my son-in-law [illegible; perhaps "Mr."?] Edmond Barkley, and my Cozen Mary Hampton all my land to be equally divided to them and their Heirs forever, and for want of such Heirs I give unto my two Grandchildren Joseph and Edmund Ring my land to them and their heirs forever, and for want of such Heirs I give my land for ye use of ye Collidge for the maintaniance of poore Children. Item, it is my desire that Mr John Williams shall have a mantenance in dyett and aparrell and a Horse for his use during his life, to be allowed by my execut^{rs} in every respect as he hath had with me. Item: It is my desire that my loveing wife Mary Mann, my son-in-law Matthew Page and my daughter Mary Page to be my execut^{rs} to perform this my last will and testament. Lastly, it is my will and choice that my sonn Matthew Page may allow my daughter Mary Page twenty pounds p^{r} Annum out of ye aforesaid estate bequeathed unto her for her owne proper use: Item: it is my choice that this my last will and Testament shall be performed in every particular, and doe declare this to be my last will, revoaking all other wills formerly made.

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[1] "Son-in-law" was used in the seventeenth century to mean "step-son." "Son-in-law" of the present century was then generally "*son*"; and when a distinction was intended, one's own son was called "natural son." Dr. Page represents an extraordinary looseness among our ancestors in the employment of terms of relationships that is not borne out by the records. (See *Page Family.*) "Cousin" was used to designate grandson, nephew, or nephew-in-law; but "nephew" never described a cousin, but nephew only. "Nephew" never meant grandson in the Virginia records; and certainly "grandson" was never used to designate "nephew," or any other relationship except grandson or great-grandson. In the same way, "niece" never meant "anything in general," and certainly not "aunt," to which it was opposed. It meant only niece, as now. (See *Letters and Times of the Tylers*, Vol. III., p. 212.)

In witness hereof I have sett my hand and seal this sixth day of Jan:y: 169$\frac{4}{5}$. Item: I doe apoint Mr. Stephen Fouace and Captain Richd Booker to see this my last will performed.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, JOHN MANN.

Richard Booker,
George Jansen,
William Bastock.

At a Court held for Gloucester County the 18th day of ffeby 169$\frac{4}{5}$ proved by the oath of Richard Booker and George Jansen and recorded ℘ Test: P. BEVERLEY Co. Cl.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRG'A, *June* 29, 1897. The foregoing is a true copy of the will of John Mann, now in possession of Maj. Wm. N. Berkeley. It has the seal in wax, and, from the signature, etc., is evidently the original.[1]

FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

COPY OF THE WILL OF MRS. MARY MANN,[2] OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY, VA.

(*From the copy in possession* (1897) *of Major Wm. N. Berkeley, Charlottesville, Virginia.*)

In the name of God, Amen. I, Mary Mann, of the Parish of Abington, in the county of Gloster, being sencible of the frailty of humane nature and the many axedents we are subject to that may deprive of sence and memmory in a moment, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following:

Imprimis, I doe bequeathe my soule into the hands of that Greate God that gave it, nothing doubting, but by the meritorious death of the Lord Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Saviour, I shall be raised at the last day, when I shall behold my redeemer coming

[1] See WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, III., page 34, where the Mann arms are described.

[2] See QUARTELY III., p. 34, for inscription on her tombstone, which has the Mann arms. She died March 18, 1703-'04, aged 56 years. The Manns and Berkeleys were in some way connected with Col. Thomas Pettus of "Little Town," James City county, a member of the council. The York records have under date March 24, 1698, a reference to Mr. Edmund Berkeley's difference with Major Lewis Burwell, "one of the surviving exors of Col. Thomas Pettus, deced." There is also a power of attorney from "Mary Mann of the parish of Abingdon, county of Gloucester," the executrix appointed by the will of Elizabeth Pettus, daughter of Thomas Pettus, gent, deceased" [son of Col. Thomas Pettus], to James Bray, of James City county, who married Mourning, widow of Thomas Pettus, Jr. Was Mary Mann a daughter of Col. Pettus, and therefore aunt of Elizabeth Pettus?

in the clouds, and that I shall from thenceforth have all sorrow wip't from mine eyes, and shall enter into everlasting joy and happiness, there to remaine in ye ages of all eternity. My body I commend [to] the earth from whence it came, to be buryed according to the Church of England and discretion of my executor hereafter to be named.

Ittem. After my Debts and Funrall charges paid, the remaining part of my Estate that God hath blessed me with, I give in manner and form following: Ittem, I give unto my loving daughter Sarah Ring two negro men, by name Peter and Jo, both which to remaine in the hands of my executor, with the proffits of them, till she shall think fitt to call them out, or any part theireof, which sd proffits and negroes to be disposed of by my executor for her use as she shall direct, and no otherwaise. I also give unto my said daughter a gold Ring of twenty shillings price.

Ittem. I give unto my grandchildren, Joseph, Edmund, Elizabeth, Sarah Mary Ring, two hundred pounds sterling, to be Layd out in negroes in the yeare seventeene hundred and five or the first oppertunity afterwards if my Son-in-Law, Mr. Joseph Ring, will allow land to worke ye negroes on, an acco^t^ to be kept of the proffits of the negroes, which, with the said negroes, to be Equally divided between the above said children as they shall come to age or marry, or the survivours of them.

Ittem. I lend unto my Bro.-in-Law, Phillip Hunly, one negro man named Santo during his life, but if it please God the above sd Hunly dy before his wife, I doe give the above sd negro to my sister, Ann Hunly, and her heires. I doe also Give my said sister one gold ring of fifteen shillings price.

Ittem. I doe give unto my three grandchildren, Mann, Alice and Martha Page, each of them a peace of plate of teen pounds price, the peace to be paid in the yeare seventeen hundred and foure, or thirty pounds to be laid out in plate by theire father or Gardian as my executor shall think fit. Ittem. I give unto my two Daughters, Sarah Ring and Mary Page, all my wearing apparell, to be equally divided between them.

Ittem. I doe give unto Ellinor Readon one heffer of three years ould.

Ittem. I doe give unto Ann Booker one heffer, to be paid when she shall be marryed or of age.

Ittem. I doe give unto my son-in-law, Coll. Matthew Page, and Mary, his wife, each of them a gold Ring of twenty shillings price.

Ittem. I doe give unto my son-in-law, Mr. Joseph Ring, a gold ring of twenty shillings price.

Ittem. I doe give unto my loving kinswoman, Mary Kitson, a gold ring of fifteen shillings price.

Ittem. I doe give unto my God Daughter, Ann Booker, a gold ring of fifteen shillings price.

Ittem. The remaining part of my Istate both heare and elcewhere, of what nature and quality soever, with every part and parcel thereof, I doe give and bequeath to my Loveing Son, Edmund Berkeley, and his heires forever.

I doe also nominate, Constitute and appoint my well-beloved Son, Edmund Berkeley, my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, utterly making void and revokeing all former wills by me made, as Witness my hand and Seale this first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and one two.

MARY MANN. [Seal.]

Signed and sealed in the presence of us.

Her
JUDEY × HUNLY,
Mark,
His
JOHN + DAVIS.
Mark.

I doe revoke and make voide ye two clauses in my will where I have given Ellinor Readon and Ann Booker each of them a heffer, as witness my hand this 10th of March 1703-'04.

MARY MANN. [SEAL.]

A true copy made by me Oct. 4th, 1897. This will and codicil were proved and recorded June 16th, 1704.

FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

ABSTRACT BY THE EDITOR FROM A COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT IN WRITING REFERRED TO ON PAGE 48, PAGE FAMILY.

(*The full original being now in possession of Major W. N. Berkeley, of Charlottesville, Va.*)

Articles of Agreement had the 20th day of September, 1705, "between John Page, of the county of York, Gentn, of the first part, Edmund Berkeley, of Gloucester county, Gentn, of ye second part, and Mary, relict and admx of Matthew Page, late of the county of Gloucester, Esq., of the third part."

There is shortly to be a marriage between John Page and Mary Page, and the said John Page covenants with Edmund Berkeley

that if the said Mary should happen to have no child by the said John Page and die before him, that then said John Page shall deliver to Mann, Alice, and Martha Page a sum of money equal to her one-fourth part of the estate of their father Matthew Page; one-third part of the same to Mann Page, and the other two-thirds to her daughters Alice and Martha, each child to receive their part at twenty-one years. John Page also covenants to pay to Mann Page, son and heir of the said Matthew Page, deceased, at twenty-one years, so many negroes, cattle, horses, mares, sheep, hogs, working-tools, household necessaries, hogsheads of tobacco pressed, of the plantation crops in New Kent, formerly belonging to said Matthew Page, as shall amount to the full sum of two thousand pound sterling to be upon the plantation in New Kent, etc. John Page also agrees that Mann Page shall at twenty-one have full possession of the plantation called "Timber Neck," in Gloucester county, "bounded on the creek and by a ditch, being by computation four hundred acres of land, with all houses, etc., free from any claim from the said John Page, which by the said marriage with the said Mary Page he might or could claim or pretend to thereby." He also agrees that Mann Page is to freely enjoy any dower rights of his mother in the land in New Kent and the land in James City. He also agrees that if his intended wife should survive him his executors to make good to her so many negroes, etc., as shall amount to the full sum of two thousand pounds, and make one-fourth part of her deceased husband Matthew Page's estate. He is also to give any further guarantees demanded. And in return his intended wife covenants not to claim any dower in the estate, now or hereafter, of said John Page, and Mann Page is to have possession of about forty acres lying between [the creek?] that bounds the above plantation called "Timber Neck" and the line of Captain Richard Booker. Each party enters into a penalty of six thousand pounds to the true performance hereof. J. Page, Edm[d] Berkeley, Mary Page. Witnesses, John Smith, Mary Clarke. [The parties seal with one seal, which has the Page coat of-arms.]

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF ROBERT WISE, MERCHANT, OF LONDON.

(*Addressed to "Major Edmund Berkeley, in the Districks of York River, in Virginia," February 7th,* 1711, *in possession of Major William N. Berkeley, Charlottesville, Va.*

"These accompany the shipp *Mary* Thomas Richardson master." . . . [What follows is a long and uninteresting account of the tobacco market.] . . . "I had an order from the executors

of Mr. Page to take unto my care Mrs. Mary Page who was with Mrs. Stanton and her sister the former I was well acquainted with who is since dead but shee being ill and my wife out of town in ye sumer did not press much for the child 'till the quarter was up but found them very loath to part with it when the quarter was up and my wife and shee had some words and she told her shee would write to Virg^{a} and doe us as good a turn what shee meant by it I cannot tell" . . . .

A true copy of the portion extracted. There is no punctuation whatever in the original. FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

October 4, 1897.

COPY OF BOND: MANN PAGE TO EDMUND BERKELEY.

(*In possession of Major William N. Berkeley, Charlottesville, Va.*)

"Know all men by these presents y^{t} I, Mann Page, of ye county of Gloucester, in ye colony of Virginia, Gentleman, do owe and stand justly indebted unto Edmund Berkeley, in ye county and colony aforesaid, Gentleman, two hundred pounds sterling money of Great Brittain, w^{h} sum well and truly to be paid unto ye said Berkeley, his heires, ex^{ers}, etc. I do bind myself, my heires, ex^{ers}, etc., firmly by these presents, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1712. [Erased.] Condition of this obligation is such y^{t} whereas ye [erased] said Edmund Berkeley hath paid unto Mrs. Sarah [erased] one hundred pounds sterling y^{t} was left as a [lega]cy to Sarah and Mary Ring, two of ye daughters of ye [erased] Sarah Walker, by Mrs. Mary Mann, deceased, for ye [us]e of ye said Sarah and Mary Ring. If y^{r} above bound Mann Page, his heires, etc., do from time to time, and at all times forever hereafter, save harmless and indemnifie ye said Berkeley, his heires, etc., from any claim or claims of ye said Sarah and Mary Ring or either of them, their or either of their heirs, ex^{ers}, etc., or any person or persons whatsoever claiming in, by, from, or under y^{m} or either of y^{m}, any part or parcell of ye above-said one hundred pounds, that then this obligation to be void and of none effect. Otherwaise to stand and remain in full force, power, and vertu.

MANN PAGE. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in
presence of us,
John Wormeley,
Mary Willis.

A true copy made by me October 4, 1897. FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

COPY OF A COPY OF THE WILL OF THOMAS NELSON,[1] OF YORK.

(*In Possession* (1897) *of Maj. William N. Berkeley, of Charlottesville, Va.*)

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown, in Va., Merchant, calling to mind the uncertain Duration of human life, and desirous while I am (blessed be God) in perfect Health and of sound and disposing Memory, to order my Worldly affairs, and to dispose of that estate which the Almighty hath bestowed upon me, after recommending my soul to God, in and through the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

Imprimis: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife the sum of Five thousand pounds sterling, to be paid her out of my personal estate by my executor, hereafter named, and I also order and appoint that of the profits out of my Lands and Negroes there be paid unto my said wife the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling p. Annum during her natural life.

Item: I give unto my said wife all those pieces of Gold, Rings, and Jewells whereof she is now possessed. And it is also my will and desire that she have during her natural life the use of my Dwelling-House, Kitchens, Gardens, on the same side of the street with the house, stable, chariot, and chariot Horses, and of all the Furniture at my said house and Kitchens and my Town Cows; also the service of my negroes Grace, Penny, Suckey, Frank, Will, Cesar, Tryal, and Little Davy during her life; and after her decease I give the said furniture, chariot, horses, cows, and Negroes to my son, William Nelson, which several bequests to my said wife are meant and intended her in Lieu and satisfaction of the share she might be entitled to out of my personal estate and of her Right

[1] Thomas Nelson, born February 20, 1677, at Penrith, Cumberland county, England, son of Hugh and Sarah Nelson, died at Yorktown, Va., on October 7, 1745. This will was recorded in the general court, whose records are now destroyed. He married, first, Margaret Reade, daughter of Robert Reade, eldest son of Col. George Reade, formerly secretary of the colony, who owned the land on which Yorktown was established. He married, second, Frances Tucker, widow of Robert Tucker, of Barbadoes, and mother of Col. Robert Tucker, of Norfolk. This paper explains the entry in the York records, dated 1738, wherein William Nelson, gent., of Yorktown and county March' gives a negro girl to his daughter, Hephzibah Nelson, sent to him from Barbadoes by his father and mother, Benjamin Bessell and Hephzibah his wife. According to the will, Thomas Nelson had two grand-nephews, William and John Nelson, grandsons of his "brother William, late of Barbadoes." (See QUARTERLY, IV., p. 134.)

of Dower in my Lands and slaves, if she pleases to accept thereof.

Item: I give to my Daughter, Mary Berkeley, twenty-five pounds sterling to buy her a House Wench.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren, Edmund Berkeley, Nelson Berkeley, Mary Berkeley, Sarah Berkeley, and Lucy Berkeley, each the sum of Two hundred pounds sterling, to be paid them when they shall severally attain the age of twenty-one years, or on the Day of Marriage, which shall first happen, and if any of my said grandchildren shall happen to die under age, not being married, the share of such grandchild so dying shall be paid unto the next child my Daughter, Mary Berkeley, shall happen to have.

Item: I give my son, Thomas Nelson, the sum of four thousand pounds sterling; but whatever sum my son William shall have paid him at or before my death is to go in discharge of and to be accounted a part of the said legacy of four thousand pounds sterling; and this is all I intend my said son Thomas, having already given him the estate in King William county, which I purchased of Col°. Thomas Jones; and the houses, Lots, and plantations bought for him of Doctor John Dixon, etc.

Item: I give to my Daughter, Sarah Burwell, twenty pounds sterling, and the Negro Wench Belinda, with her increase, having lately given her fifteen hundred pounds sterling as a portion upon her marriage with Mr. Robert Burwell.

Item: I give and bequeath to my cousins, William Nelson and John Nelson, grandsons of my brother William, late of Barbadoes, each [fifty?] pounds sterling, to be paid them when they shall severally attain the age of twenty-one years.

Item: My last will and Desire is that out of my personal estate my executor do cause to be provided and set up, over or near the grave of my first wife, a handsome marble stone or monument, as soon as conveniently may be.

Item: All my Lands, tenements, slaves, and real estate whatsoever I give and Devise to my son, William Nelson, and his heirs forever, but subject, nevertheless, to the payment of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling p. Annum, hereinbefore Devised to my wife in Lieu of her Dower, if she survives me and accepts the same.

Item: All the residue of my goods, chattels, and other personal estate of what kind soever it be, after my just Debts and Legacies hereinbefore mentioned are fully satisfied and paid, I give unto my elder son, William Nelson.

Item: I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear son, William Nelson, my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament; and it is my desire that he may not be compelled to give any security to the court for the due execution of this my last Will and testament. And I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made, and do declare this to be my last Will and testament.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of August, 1745. THOS. NELSON [L. S.].

Signed, sealed, published, and declared to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of

John Ballard,
Samuel Price,
Thomas Ballard,
Rich. Jones,
Robert Page.

Copy—Test.
Richard Kello
for
Ben. Waller, Ck.

A true copy made by me, October 5, 1897. FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

COPY OF RECORD IN AN OLD PRAYER BOOK.

(*In the possession* (1897) *of Mrs. Richard S. Cox*, 2011 *N. Street, Washington, D. C.* (*daughter of Lewis Berkeley, of Aldie, Loudoun county, Va.*).)

The Guift of my Grandfather Philip Ludwell to Lucy Ludwell.

Philip Ludwell Grymes, the son of Philip and Mary Grymes, was born at Brandon[1] Aprill the fifth 1746 on Saturday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

John Grymes and Lucy,[2] his wife, was [*sic*] married in December 1715 of a thursday ye 22th day at Green Spring.

Carter Burwell and Lucy Grymes jun^r^ were married at Brandon on thursday January ye 5th 1737.

Mann Page and Alice Grymes were married at Brandon on thursday ye 31st of December 1741.

Hannah Grymes the daughter of John and Lucy Grymes was born the 23^d^ of Aug 1717 of a friday morning at four a clock.

John Grymes their son was born ye 1° January 1718 of a thursday night att seven a clock & [died?] ye 30th June 1740.

Lucy Grymes their daughter was born the 18th of Aprill of

[1] There are two Brandons in Virginia—Brandon on the James, the home of the Harrison family, anciently the plantation of Captain John Martin; and Brandon on the Rappahannock, the residence of the Grymeses.

[2] Lucy Ludwell, eldest daughter of Hon. Philip Ludwell, of Greenspring, James City county.

Easter Monday att tenn a clock att night 1720 and was married the 5th January 1737. [To Carter Burwell, of "The Grove."]

Philip Grymes their son was born the 11th March 1721 of a Sunday morning at four a clock and was marryed Xcr ye 18th 1742.

Charles Grymes their son was born the 31st of May 1723 of a friday night at nine a clock and died ye 28th Xbr 1727.

Alice Grymes their daughter was born the 10th Aug 1724 of a munday at twelve a clock and was married ye 31 Decemer 1741.

Benja Grymes their son was Born the 19th January 1725 on Wednesday morning at four a clock.

Sarah Grymes their daughter was Born the 27th of January 1729 on thursday night at six a clock & died ye 2 of 8br 1731.

Charles their son was Born the 11th of March 1730 on thursday at 2 a clock in the afternoon & died 7er ye —— 1732.

Ludwell their son was born the 26th of Aprill 1733 on thursday night at half an hour past eleven.

Lucy Burwell ye daughter of Carter and Lucy Burwell was born at Brandon ye 23d of 8br 1740 at 2 min. past 2 a clock in ye morning of a thursday.

Elizabeth Burwell daughter of Carter and Lucy Burwell was born at —— Hundred on the 21st of —— 1741 of a Sunday at 12 a clock.

John Page son of Mann and Alice Page was born at Rosewell April ye 17th 1743 on Sunday evening at seven a clock.

Judith Burwell daughter of Carter and Lucy Burwell was Born at Brandon ye —— of Aprill 1744 of a —— at 3 a clock in ye afternoon.

Judith Page daughter of Mann and Alice Page was born at Rosewell on ye 24th of 7br 1744 of a monday morning at ten a clock.

A true copy, made by me October 4, 1897. FRANCIS L. BERKELEY.

ADDITIONS BY THE EDITOR.

Francis Page (born 1594, died Oct. 13, 1678), of Bedfont, county of Middlesex, England, had issue, 1, Matthew, settled in James City county, where he and Mr. William Drummond and Major Theophilus Hone agreed to build a fort at James City. When he died in 1673, the justices complained that only some brick had been made, and the general court ordered the other two gentlemen to proceed at once to erect the fort. John Page was his executor. (General Court Records.) He had issue, Matthew, Luke, who died *sine prole*, and Mary, who married James Whaley, and had an only child, Matthew, who died at nine years. The school in Williamsburg called "Mattey's School" was erected by Mrs. Whaley to "eternalize Mattey's name forever." In 1741 Mann Page was her heir, and as such made a deed to the minister and church-

wardens of Mattey's School for the land and buildings. 2, Francis, of whom nothing is known. 3, Robert, of Hatton, Hounsley Heath, England, who had son, John Page, mentioned as the bridegroom in the deed above. 4, Gibbs. 5, Ince. 6, *John*, probably eldest son, since his grandson, Mann Page, was heir of Mary Whaley. He was born in 1627 and died January 23, 1692–'93. In his will he mentions his sons, Francis, born in 1657, and Matthew, born in 1659, as also his "gr. dau. Elizabeth Tyler," mother of his "gr. son John Tyler," and his "gr. son John Chiles." Hitherto I have been inclined to think that John Page had a daughter who married Walter Chiles; but I doubt it. Elizabeth Tyler was certainly a daughter of Walter Chiles, and Neill says that Capt. John Page was "father-in-law of Lt. Col. Walter Chiles," who was councillor and speaker about 1653. He meant to say that Capt. John Page was "father-in-law" of Walter Chiles, son of Col. Chiles, of the same name. Now father-in-law then meant "step-father," and Page's wife, Alice, was doubtless widow of Col. Walter Chiles. She was two years older than Page himself. The last mention in the records of the elder Chiles is in July, 1653, and his son, "Mr. Walter Chiles" succeeds him as burgess from James City, in 1658. Alice Page was a second wife of Col. Chiles, as the mother of Walter Chiles' issue was Elizabeth Chiles. It is only in this way that I can satisfactorily explain why Col. John Page gives far more consideration in his will to his collaterals of the Page blood than to his "grandchildren," the Chileses, and why Alice Page does not mention them. The legacy that John Tyler receives was evidently due because of his name "John," after John Page. (See Page Family, by Dr. R. C. M. Page; *Letters and Times of the Tylers*, Vol. III., p. 211; WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, I., p. 75; IV. pp. 3–14.)

Mr. Stanard recently found in a court record Col. Walter Chiles' name as one of the councillors in 1651, thus confirming my supposition to this fact from his using the title "Esq." in a deed in Charles City county records, November, 1652. It is amusing to notice how Christian names are transmitted. George Washington evidently got his name from his ancestor, Col. George Reade, and President John Tyler from Col. John Page, who married the widow of one of his ancestors.

John Page, son of Robert Page, married, first, Elizabeth Page, daughter of Capt. Francis Page and Mary Digges. Issue: 1, John Page, who, in 1718, qualified on his father's estate. 2, Elizabeth, who, in 1728, as "Elizabeth Page of the Parish of St. Giles in the Fields, England," joined with Mann Page to convey 200 acres in Bruton parish formerly purchased by John Page, gent, "late father of the said Elizabeth Page." She married Col. David Bray, of the council, but both shortly died, and left no issue. (*Virginia Historical Collections*, Vol. XI., p. 81.) John Page married secondly, Mary Mann, widow of Matthew Page, and had issue: 3, Mary, born January 26, 1706–'07. (See this John Page's will.)

The following extracts from the York records will be, doubtless, valuable in this connection:

"May 16, 1715.

In the suit in Chancery depending between Mann Page, Esqr Comp^{lt} & Joseph Walker & Robert Anderson, surviving Exec^{rs} of the last will & Testam^{t} of John Page, deced, dureing the minority of John Page, son of the s^{d} John

Page, Resp^{ds}. On consideracon of the bill & answer, the Court are of opinion that the Comp^{lt} hath a right unto thirty three pounds, six shillings & Eight pence Sterl., it being in full now due of a Legacy bequeathed him by the last will and Testam^{t} of Alice Page, deced, & thereupon it is decreed that the Resp^{ds} pay the afores^{d} sum to the comp^{lt} out of the testator's Estate with Costs, als Ex^{n}.

WILL OF JOSEPH RING.[1]

In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Ring, of the Parish of Hampton, in the county of York, Virginia, Merchant, being weake in body, but of perfect sense & memory (praised be Almighty God for ye same), doe make & ordain this my last will & Testament in maner & forme following, revoaking all former & other wills by me heretofore made, do hereby declare this my last will and Testament as followeth:

ffirst, my soule I comitt into the hands of Almighty God, Confidently trusting through the meritts and mediation of my blessed Lord & Savio^{r} Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting life, & my body to be decently buryed at ye discretion of my Executrix hereafter named; and as what worldly Possion it hath pleased Almighty God to bless wth, I give and bequeath as followeth: *Imprimis*, ye house & plantation whereon I now live I give unto my beloved wife Sarah during her naturall life, & after her decease unto my son Joseph Ring, & ye heirs lawfully begotten of his body, & for default of Such issue, then to my son Edmund Ring, & ye Heirs lawfully begotten, & for default of such Heirs, then to my son Isaac Ring, & ye Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, & for default of such issue, then to my Daughters Eliz & Sarah Ring, & ye Heirs of their bodys forever. And further, my will is that if my said sone Joseph live to attaine to his full age of twenty-one years, and hath a desire to live on that part of my aforesaid Tract of Land bequeathed to my wife for her life where Moody did lately live & of him lately purchased by me, that then he have free Liberty for the Same, anything contained herein to ye contrary notwithstanding. *Item:* I give unto my sone Edmund Ring all my tract of Land scituate, lying, and being in King and Queen county, in Virg^{a} aforesaid, containing Six hundred acres (more or less) to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such Heirs, then the same to come to my aforesaid son Joseph Ring, & ye Heirs of his body Lawfully begotten, and in case of a Default of such Heires, then the same Land and premisses to come to my sone Isaack & ye Heirs lawfully begotten, & for default of such, then to my daughters Eliz & Sarah, & their Heirs forever. *Item:* I give unto my son Isaac Ring all my land and plantacon lying near ye beav^{r} Dams which I lately

[1] Joseph Ring lived at "Ringfield," Felgate's Creek, in York county. The old house is still standing. The place was deeded to him in 1692 by John Underhill and Mary his wife, to whom it descended from the Felgate family. In the garden is the tomb of Joseph Ring, with coat of arms, and states that he died aged fifty-seven, on February 26, 170⅔. His son Edmund died September 13, 1703, in his eleventh year, and Isaack, September 24, 1701, in his eighth year. Joseph Ring was recommended by the governor for the council. His estate (apart from real estate) was inventoried at £1,484.10.7, equivalent to nearly $30,000 at present. (See also *Virginia Historical Collections*, Vol. XI., p. 104.)

purchased of Nicholas Harrison, & to him & y^e Heirs of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such, then to Joseph Ring, & y^e Heirs of his body lawfully begotten, & for such default to my son Edmund Ring & to ye Heirs lawfully begotten of his body, and in case of fail^r ye same to come to my two Daughters, Eliz. & Sarah Ring, to them & their Heirs forever. *Item:* I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Ring my land and housing thereon, called by ye name of the ffrench Ordinary to him & his Heires forever, wth all furniture & appurtenances thereunto belonging at ye time of my decease. I further give to my said sone Joseph my Lott of Land at Yorktown and all Apurtenances thereunto & thereupon being & belonging to him & his Heirs forever. And as to my personall estate, both in Virginia & England or elsewhere, the ffunerall of my body & Debts being first paid, I give & Dispose of as ffolloweth: I give unto my daughter Eliz. Ring one hundred pounds sterling, to be paid on ye day of her marriage or when shee shall attaine to ye age of one & twenty years, which shall first happen. *Item:* I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Ring one hundred pounds, to be paid unto her at her age of twenty [one] years or day of her marryage, which shall first happen. *Item:* I give unto Isaac Sedgwick one hundred pounds sterl., to be paid twelve months after my decease, he dischargeing me from all claims that may or shall hereof rise against. . . . Thereupon in like manner acquitt him from the . . . or claime from him, he likewise assisting my wife in her Business as to getting ye Debts due to my estate which I desire of him. *Item:* as to all ye rest of my personall Estate in Virginia, England, or elsewhere, I desire it may be equally & proportionately divided betwixt my wife & five children aforesaid, & my wife to have ye full & sole management thereof so long as she continues a widdow, but if she happen to marry or Dye in her widdowhood, then Each Child to have & know its parts, or otherwise to be sold at Outcry by my trustees, hereafter named, for ye use of my said children. *Item:* I also appoint my Loving wife Sarah Ring full & sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament, and I do hereby nominate & appoint my Loving brothers, Capt Matthew Page & Mr Edmund Bartlet, Trustees to this my said last will, that they will of their brotherly love & kindness assist my executrix in what they can or may to ye due Execucon & complyance herewith. In Wittness whereof, I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale, December ye 3^d, 1698. JOSEPH RING, ye seale.

Sealed & Delivered & ye words (Ring aforesaid) was interlined before signed in ye p^rsents of Will Babb, Ezra Cotle, Thomas Holliday.

WILL OF WILLIAM SEDGWICK.

In ye name of God, Amen. I, William Sedgwick, of York County, late of burlen hall, In Linking Shier, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect Sense and memory, doe make this my last will and testament in Manner and forme as followeth: I commit my body to the Earth from whence it was Extracted, and my soul to God almighty, hoping for pardon of all my Sins through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and my body to be desently buryed according to the discrete— of my Exseq. Imp: I give to my loveing brother Thomas Sedgwick teen pounds Starling to by him a Suite of morning and twenty shillings to buy him a morning Ring, and I give further to Mr Sam dicason forty shillings for his extraordinary troble, and I doe make my

loveing brother Isaac Sedgwick my hole and sole Exseq. of this my last will and Testament, and after my debts, Legeces, and funeral Charges being payd, I give my Exseq., Isaac Sedgwick, all my Estate, bouth Reall and personall, both in Ingland, virginia, and Elsewhere, as wittnes my hand this thirty day of December, 1704. WILL SEDGWICK,[1] Seal.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presents of us
His
Danell X Jackson
Mark.
Sam: Dickinson,
Phill Moody.

[Proved by the witnesses March ye 2^d, 1704[5.]

WILL OF JOSEPH WALKER, ESQ.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Joseph Walker, esq^r.[2] of York County, in Virginia, being weak in body but of perfect Sence and memory, Ordain & appoint this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: Revoking any Will whatever by me formerly made. Imprimis: I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God, in hopes of a Joyfull resurrection through the meritts of my saviour Jesus Christ. My body to be decently buried as my Executors hereafter named shall think fitt.

Item: As for my Estate, real & personal, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, It is my desire that my Just debts be first paid.

Item: I give to my Daughter Mary Walker Five hundred pds. sterl. to be paid her on the day of marriage or ye Age of one and twenty, which shall first happen. And it is my desire she should be maintained out of my Rents in York Town until the said five hundred pounds be paid.

Item: I give unto my Daughter Judith Walker Five hundred pounds Sterling to be paid her on the day of marriage, or ye Age of one and twenty, which shall first happen. And it is my desire that she should be maintained out of my Rents in York Town until the said Five hundred pounds be paid.

I give unto my beloved wife, Sarah Walker, one-third part of all my Negroes, household goods, plate, cattle, sheep, hogs, during her natural life.

Item: I give to my beloved wife Sarah Walker, my chariot, furniture, and horses forever.

. . . . Ring the debt due from him to my Estate, and . . . for mourning Rings. He discharging my . . . against it.

Item: As to ye remaining part of my estate, whether in Great Britain, Virginia, or elsewhere, both real and personal, I give and bequeath to my son Matthew Walker, to him and his heirs forever; but in case my said son die

[1] William Sedgwick was for many years clerk of York county. For some months before his death William Tunley acted for him as deputy clerk. His records show him to have been a highly educated man, and that "being very weak," he did not himself write the above will. His brother Isaac was a lawyer, and was doubtless some relation of Joseph Ring, who leaves him a legacy.

[2] This term would indicate that Joseph Walker, was either one of the council, naval collector, or a son of a knight.

without heirs lawfully begotten, then I Give my land at Wormeley's Creek to my daughter Mary and her heirs forever.

Item: I give my land called the French Ordinary and Basses, and the land I purchased of Sabrill and Stockner to my Daughter Judith and her heirs forever, in case my son dye without Issue lawfully begotten.

Item: It is my will and desire that if my Mulatto woman Mary shall, at any time, pay down thirty-five pounds current money she may have her freedom, and be discharged from my heires.

I ordain and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Walker.[1] Executrix, and Mann Page and John Wormeley, Esq^{rs}, exq^{rs} of this my last Will and Testament. My son Matthew to be an executor when he arrives at the age of Twenty-one.

Item: I desire twelve Rings, of sixteen Shillings value each, may be sent for and distributed to each of my executors, to each of my sons and daughters; one to the Rev. M^{r}. Emanuel Jones, and to the Rever^{d} M^{r}. Francis Fontaine, one. As witness my hand and seal this ninth day of November, 1723.

JO. WALKER. [SEAL.]

Signed and sealed in the presence of us underwriten, and declared to be the last will and Testament of Jos. Walker, Esqr. Francis Fontaine, W^{m}. Hewitt, Rebecca Her R Mark. Cobbs, James Hewitt.

A Proviso to Seventh Article.

It is my desire that my gift to Joseph Ring of the debt due from him to my Estate stand valid. He, as aforsaid, discharging my Estate from any Claim he may have against it. Provided, also, that he die before my beloved wife, otherwise to remain indebted for the same.

Memorand^{m}: I give unto my beloved Daughter Mary a negro girl named Martha with her Encrease.

Memorand^{m}: I give unto my beloved Daughter Judith a Mulatto girl named Florino with her Encrease. JO. WALKER.

Signed in the presence of us underwitten, this 16th day of Novemb., 1723.

Fran. Fontaine, James Hewitt, Rebecca Her R Mark. Cobbs.

Memorand^{m}: It is my desire that M^{r}. Thomas Nelson, Gent., be one of the Executors of this my last will and Testament.

[Proved December 16, 1723.]

The following entries may be of value in this connection:

From Abingdon Parish Register (Gloucester county):

Lucy, the daughter of Capt. Edmund Berkeley, baptized May ye 17th, 1709.

Mary, the daughter of Capt. Edmund and M^{rs}. Lucy Berkeley, born May 24th, 1711.

From Christ Church Parish Register (Middlesex county):

Sarah, daughter of Major Edmond Berkeley and Lucia his wife, was borne ye 9th of ffebruary, 1713.

Lucy, daughter of Edmund and Mary Berkeley, born June y^{e} 5, baptized June y^{e} 10, 1729.

Edmund, son of Edmund and Mary Berkeley, born Decem^{r} y^{e} 5, baptized Jan^{r}y 14, 1730.

[1] Sarah Walker gave bond as executrix for £4,000.

Mary, daughter of Edmund and Mary Berkeley, born Jan^{ry} y^{e} 15th, baptized Jan^{ry} y^{e} 30th, 173$\frac{7}{8}$.

Sarah, daughter of Edm^{d} and Mary Berkeley, born Jan^{r} y^{e} 27th, bap^{d} 174$\frac{1}{2}$.

Sarah Berkeley interred on Sunday, Augt 16th, 1795,

Edmund Berkeley died July 8th, 1802, 5^{m} past 7 P. M.

Thomas L. Churchill and Elizabeth B. Berkeley married May 28th, [1801].

Henry Hefferman and Lucy N. Berkeley Sep^{t} 28, 1800.

Corbin Griffin (of York county) and Mary Berkeley married April 20th, 1771.

LETTER OF RALPH WORMELEY.[1]

VIRGINIA, ROSEGILL, 25 *April*, 1795.

I hear there lives at Riccal, in Yorkshire, a Mr. Wormeley. I wish to know his Christian name, whether he be a married man, of what age and what peculiar turn, where educated—in short, all circumstances concerning him and his family.

I would also convey to him, if I could, the following information as to his family in this country: that it has been settled here upwards of one hundred and fifty years, that the grandfather of the subscriber was carried to England by his mother, who was a daughter of Eltonhead[2] (Gen'l), at three years old, she being then a widow. While in England (her Christian name was Agatha) she married Sir Henry Chicheley,[3] a Knight and Alderman of London. Her son, after his education at school, Oxford, and the Temple

[1] Copied by Dr. A. G. Grinnan from Ralph Wormeley's letter-book.

[2] The Wormeley family of Virginia was one of the F. F. Vs. The emigrant, Ralph Wormeley, was descended from Sir John de Wormeley, of Hadfield, Co. York. The writer of the above letter was descended from the emigrant thus: Ralph,[1] the emigrant, member of the Council; died 1649; Ralph,[2] of "Rosegill," on the Rappahannock River, in Middlesex county, born 1620, died 1665; member of the Council; married Agatha, daughter of Richard Eltonhead and widow of Luke Stubbins, of Northampton county, Virginia; and she married, 3dly, Sir Henry Chicheley,[3] governor, who died in Virginia; Ralph,[3] born 1650; died December 5, 1703; educated at Oxford; Secretary of State in 1693, and President of the Council; John,[4] born 1689, died 1726; grandfather of Ralph,[6] the writer of the letter above. This last was a member of the Council, and for many years a burgess. He sympathized with the royal cause in the Revolution, but took no active part. Towards the close of the war a privateer descended upon "Rosegill," took away thirty-six slaves, and robbed him of his plate and other valuable property. His son James was the father of Ralph Randolph Wormeley, admiral in the Royal Navy of England. In the letter above Ralph Wormeley skips a generation, and his dates are not exact. See account of "Wormeley Family" in Lee's *Lee of Virginia*, p. 144. This letter adds some new and interesting details.

[3] Sir Henry Chicheley died Feb. 5, 1682–'83.